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SUBJECT: UGTC LEADER SACKED AND JAILED

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1. GEORGE MARTENS, AFRICAN-AMERICAN LABOR CENTER NOTED THREE OCCASIONS AT WHICH FRED PATRICE ZEMONIAKO POINTEDLY CRITICIZED SOME MINISTERS, PERMANENT SECRETARIES AND THE PARTY. (1) IN HIS SPEECH OPENING THE CONGRESS AT WHICH INVITED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WERE IN ATTENDANCE. THE TEXT WAS TO BE DISTRIBUTED SUBSEQUENT TO THE CONGRESS; (2) IN THE "RAPPORT MORAL: REFORM ET PAIX SOCIAL-UGTC TROISIEME CONGRES STATUTAIRE," A 128 PAGE REPORT DISTRIBUTED TO CONGRESS DELEGATES. THE TEXT OF ZEMONIAKO'S PRINCIPAL ADDRESS IS CONTAINED THEREIN; (3) IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UGTC JOURNAL DATED APRIL 27, YEAR 2, ISSUE NO. 3. ASSUME EMBASSY HAS ACCESS TO PUBLICATIONS (2) AND (3). IF NOT, DEPARTMENT WILL POUCH. PLEASE ADVISE. IF (1) AVAILABLE PLEASE POUCH TO AF/I.

2. MARTENS ALSO SAID THAT SEVERAL MINISTERS AND PERMANENT SECRETARIES WERE JEALOUS OF ZEMONIAKO AND FEARED HIM AS

A POSSIBLE RIVAL. ALSO THAT ZEMONIAKO TOOK PARTICULAR CARE NOT TO CRITICIZE THE EMPEROR AND THEREFORE BELIEVED

THERE WOULD BE NO STRONG REACTION.

3. AALC FUNDED TRAVEL FOR MOST OUT-OF-TOWN UGTC DELEGATES THROUGH ECONOMIC SEMINAR WHICH PRECEEDED UGTC CONGRESS. PLEASE INFORM IF ANY REPERCUSSIONS RE AALC. VANCE

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